

Such measures run counter to our efforts to reduce the number of Federal employees, as recommended by the National Performance Review and mandated in the Federal Workforce Restructuring Act of 1994. These restrictions would exclude over 20,000 Treasury employees from reduction, thereby imposing a greater burden on other agencies. While we have made a start on deficit reduction, we cannot fully achieve our goals without making reductions in the Federal workforce, fairly apportioned among *all* departments and agencies.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
September 30, 1994.

NOTE: H.R. 4539, approved September 30, was assigned Public Law No. 103-329. This statement was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on October 1.

**Statement on Signing the
Agricultural, Rural Development,
Food and Drug Administration, and
Related Agencies Appropriations
Act, 1995**

September 30, 1994

Today I have signed into law H.R. 4554, the "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1995."

The Act provides \$13.4 billion in discretionary budget authority for programs of the Department of Agriculture, including the special supplemental feeding program for women, infants, and children (WIC); food safety programs; and various programs to protect and support rural communities.

The Act also provides a total of \$39.2 billion for the Food Stamp program, the Commodity Credit Corporation, and other mandatory programs.

The Act includes authority for providing disaster assistance for losses to 1994 crops due to natural disasters. The Administration is currently reviewing estimates of the need for this assistance. I will be transmitting to the Congress requests for the release of these emergency funds in the near future.

The Act also includes the following appropriations that I hereby designate as emergency requirements pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended:

Emergency community water assistance grants, \$10,000,000;

Very low-income housing repair grants, \$15,000,000;

Agricultural credit insurance fund program account: For the cost of emergency loans, \$7,670,000; and

Emergency conservation program: Transfer from Watershed and flood prevention operations, \$23,000,000

These funds will be used to provide needed assistance to victims of natural disasters, including flooding victims of Tropical Storm Alberto in south Alabama, south Georgia, and north Florida.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
September 30, 1994.

NOTE: H.R. 4554, approved September 30, was assigned Public Law No. 103-330. This statement was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on October 1.

**Statement on Signing the
Department of Transportation and
Related Agencies Appropriations
Act, 1995**

September 30, 1994

Today I have signed into law H.R. 4556, the "Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1995."

The Act provides funding for the Department of Transportation and several smaller agencies, including the Interstate Commerce Commission and the National Transportation Safety Board.

This Act provides funding for a number of my high-priority investment proposals within the Department of Transportation. These include the core highway programs of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, the Intelligent Vehicle Highway System research program, Mass Transit Formula Capital Grants, Next Generation High-

Speed Rail, and the Penn Station Redevelopment Project.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
September 30, 1994.

NOTE: H.R. 4556, approved September 30, was assigned Public Law No. 103-331. This statement was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on October 1.

**Statement on Signing the
Department of the Interior and
Related Agencies Appropriations
Act, 1995**

September 30, 1994

Today I have signed into law H.R. 4602, the "Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1995."

H.R. 4602 provides funds for various programs of the Departments of the Interior and Energy, the Forest Service (Department of Agriculture), and the Indian Health Service (Department of Health and Human Services). Funding for various independent agencies such as the Smithsonian Institution and the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities is also included.

The Act provides important funding to further the protection and rehabilitation of America's inventory of natural and cultural assets, including our national parks and forests.

I am pleased that the Act includes funding to support a number of my energy conservation initiatives. These investments are important for our Nation's energy and environmental future.

The Act also provides \$200 million in additional emergency funding for Forest Service firefighting activities and \$250 million in additional contingent emergency firefighting funds, reflecting the severe 1994 fire season affecting national forests in many western States.

There are several provisions in the Act that purport to require congressional approval before executive branch execution of aspects of the bill. The Administration will interpret such provisos to require notification only, since any other interpretation would con-

tradict the Supreme Court ruling in *INS vs. Chadha*.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
September 30, 1994.

NOTE: H.R. 4602, approved September 30, was assigned Public Law No. 103-332. This statement was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on October 1.

**Statement on Signing the
Departments of Labor, Health and
Human Services, and Education, and
Related Agencies Appropriations
Act, 1995**

September 30, 1994

Today I have signed into law H.R. 4606, the "Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1995."

This Act provides funding for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education; the Corporation for National and Community Service; the Corporation for Public Broadcasting; and several smaller agencies. Programs within these agencies address the training and employment needs of our Nation's work force, the Federal role in our education system, and fundamental elements of our health care network.

This Act provides funding for a number of my high-priority investment proposals within the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and the Corporation for National and Community Service. These include the Head Start program, Goals 2000 program, School-to-Work Opportunities program, dislocated workers assistance, education for the disadvantaged, AIDS treatment programs authorized under the Ryan White CARE Act, and the National Institutes of Health.

I am pleased that the Act provides my full request for childhood immunizations. This program will ensure that all children who do not have health insurance coverage for immunizations have access to immunizations at the appropriate age.

The Act provides funding for investment initiatives for automation and disability proc-